

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☒
no ☐

Property Name: Elmwood Farm/Swann House Inventory Number: T-1138

Address: 30437 Matthewstown Road City: Easton Zip Code: 21601

County: Talbot USGS Topographic Map: Easton

Owner: Garland T. Swann

Tax Parcel Number: 26 Tax Map Number: 26 Tax Account ID Number: 154657

Project: Harrison Tower Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ no ☒ yes Name of district: Goldsborough Farms Rural Historic Landscape

Is district listed? ☒ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☐ no ☒ yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

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The property appears to have been developed around the turn of the twentieth century. The original house that occupied the site is no longer extant and the agricultural buildings appear to have been constructed during the first half of the twentieth century. The property does not appear to have been developed in maps published in 1858 and 1877.

The Elmwood Farm/Swann House does not appear to be individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, however because of its landscape and pattern of domestic and agricultural buildings, it is a contributing element to the proposed Goldsborough Farms Rural Historic Landscape district.

Prepared by: David S. Rotenstein

Date Prepared: January 2001

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Comments: <u>As a contributing element to the Goldsborough Rural Historic District, 1-382</u>	
<u>David S. Rotenstein</u>	<u>2/15/2001</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<u>Blunt</u>	<u>2/16/01</u>
Reviewer, NR program	Date

T-1138. Elmwood Farm/Swann House

This property is a farmstead situated on 99.25 acres north of Matthewstown Road. The farmstead is connected to Matthewstown Road via an unsurfaced drive. Three buildings comprise the farmstead: a dwelling house and two barns. The current house at the farmstead was constructed in 1978 after a fire destroyed the previous one.

The first barn is located northeast of the house. It is a two-story wood frame side gabled building. The barn consists of an original block (west) and an added gable roof equipment shed. The original block is constructed on a concrete pad foundation and has wood double hung sash (6/6 lights) windows. The original block is clad by metal siding and the roof is clad by standing seam metal. There is a louvered cupola ventilator on the roof ridge. The eastern side addition is open and the standing seam metal roof is supported by five wood posts.

The second barn is located east of the house. This building is a rectangular side gabled basement barn building constructed in a concrete pad foundation. The basement is constructed of concrete blocks and the loft is constructed of wood frame. There are metal casement windows in the basement story. The loft is clad in metal siding and the roof is clad by standing seam metal. There is a hay hood on the western elevation.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. T-1138

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Elmwood Farm

other Swann House

2. Location

street and number 30437 Mattewstown Road _ not for publication

city, town Easton _ vicinity

county Talbot

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Garland T. Swann

street and number 30437 Mattewstown Road

telephone

city, town Easton

state MD

zip code 21601

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 284 folio 81

city, town Easton tax map 26 tax parcel 26 tax ID number 154657

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	2	1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates	ca. 1858-1950	Architect/Builder
Construction dates	1978	

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dilworth, William H., Map of Talbot County, Maryland with Farm Limits (1858); Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, Atlas of Talbot & Dorchester Counties, Maryland (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1877); Preston, Dickson J., Talbot County: A History (Centreville, Maryland, 1983); Talbot County Deed Books; Tilghman, Oswald, History of Talbot County, Maryland (Baltimore, Maryland, 1967)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>99.25 acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>1.0 acre</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Easton, MD</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24,000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic boundary for this property conforms the property limits, as delimited in the Talbot Count tax map.

11. Form Prepared by

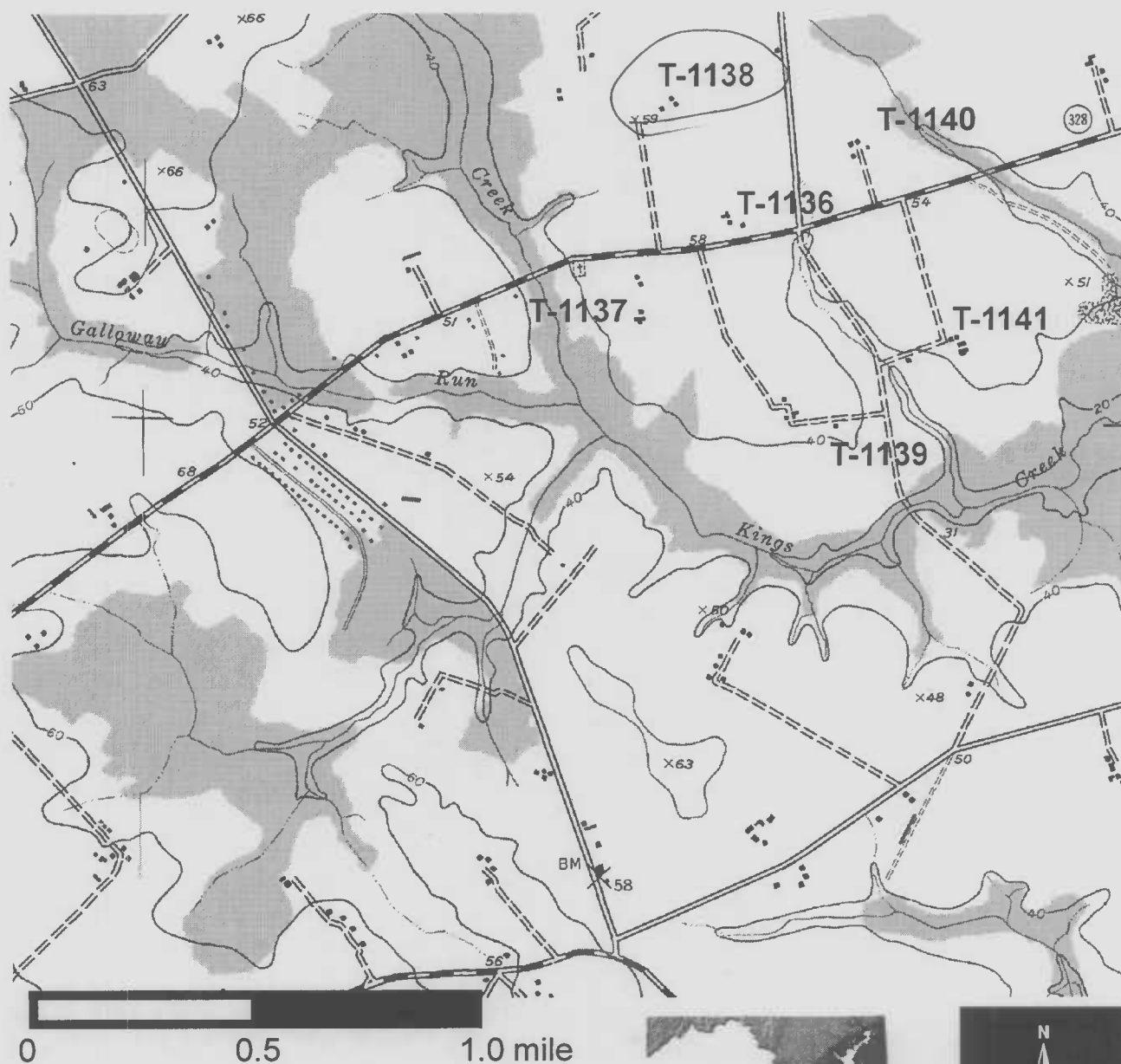
name/title	Dr. David Rotenstein/Historian	
organization	URS/DamesMoore	date 12/2000
street & number	7101 Wisconsin Ave	telephone 301-652-2215
city or town	Bethesda	state MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Easton, MD Quadrangle
1:24,000 (7.5' series)



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Elmwood Farm
Talbot Co., MD
David Rotenstein
November, 2000
MDSHPD

House, Southern
elevation

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Elmwood Farm

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MD S4Po

Barn and shed,

View to North

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Barn, view to
East

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